

WORLD OF RADIO #1143, produced August 7, 2002 by Glenn Hauser

*Standard disclaimer

*New Mundo Radial available: <http://www.worldofradio.com/espanol.html> and on WWCR, Fri 2115v, Wed 2100 on 15825;

*Even newer Spanish DX news on R. Nederland Radio-Enlace, Fris & Suns

*Neighbors of Aurora Communications' SW site under construxion in Ninilchik, Alaska, concerned about environmental impact, try to delay; ex-KGEI transmitter. Aurora minimises impact

*Aeronautical Radio, Inc., set up new HF station in Barrow, Alaska, long needed for polar route flights; frequencies

*Robert Arthur updates us on Brother Stair case; says he is out of jail on bond, but charges, even more of them, still pending. Website <http://www.overcomerministry.com> now removed all references to his ever having been in jail

*Kenneth Tomlinson, former VOA director, confirmed as new chairman of Broadcasting Board of Governors, overseeing all USG-supported, non-military, international broadcasting

*Radio Sawa, ex-VOA Arabic service, name is teen slang for "together" *WNNY, 1380, New York City, abandons expensive all-news format in Spanish for ranchera music, La X-1380, despite most Spanish speakers in NY being non-Mexicans

*WBBR, 1130, New York expects downtime for maintenance, perhaps late Sat Aug 10 / early Sun Aug 11; check Monitoring Reminders

*Stirling Heights, Michigan has 1700 kHz relay of NWS, WPTC-520

*International Radio Club of America convention Aug 16-18 at Tukwila, Washington, includes tours of KJR, KIRO, Craig Siegenthaler of Kiwa electronics; info from phil_tekno@yahoo.com

*Clear Channel group makes commitment to pushing RDS technology, no doubt for ads and song titles, not just IDs and slogans

*CJWI, new 1610 from Montreal, back on air August 1

*CFRX, 6070, Toronto, currently active; get it while you can before it breaks down again; perpetual co-channel Voz Cristiana, Chile since neither station cares

*R. America, Paraguay, closes 15185 5-watt tests after no reports at all; may raise power and come back; tentative reports received for 1610, 7300

*R. Educacao Rural, Tefe, Amazonas, plans move from 3385 to 4925 by end of September

*R. For Peace International, Costa Rica, depending on listener support, now has PayPal link at <http://www.rfpi.org>

*R. Verdad, Guatemala, hit by lightning and operating only half its transmitter at 270 watts; reports wanted; adding English at 0415

*R. Liberty site in Pals, Spain, closed May 2001, but now talk of reviving it with increased US need for facilities to reach Islamic world; murky about how this could be done. See Catalunya in DXLD 2-122, 2-123

*Great music on R. Portugal's North American service, not in English,

2300-0200 weekdays on 11655

- *European DX Council conference in Pori, Finland, August 15-18, includes tour of YLE SW site in Pori; more info at <http://www.sdxl.org/edxc/edxc2002.html>
- *Scandinavian Weekend Radio plans 24-hour special from EDXC; details at <http://www.swradio.net/edxc>
- *You're listening to the 1143rd WOR; <http://www.worldofradio.com> and address P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702; wghauser@hotmail.com
- *Thanks this week for financial support go to Bill Flynn, Cave Junxion, Oregon, who when last he wrote us was close, but far enough away, from those terrible fires
- *TWR may move all Russian broadcasts from Albania, lacking hydro power, to Austria
- *Turkey decides to allow Kurdish language broadcasting; see DXLD 2-124
- *Security guard says he was stabbed outside US FBIS monitoring station at Nicosia, Cyprus
- *Mystery Arabic service heard on two Syrian and another frequency: 0330 on 9950; 1500 on 12085, 12115; clandestine?
- *Another time for English from Turkmenistan on 4930, 1940 UT
- *RFE/RL/RFA and VOA coordinate their services to Afghanistan for continuous 24-hour service on FM and shortwave
- *New station in Afghanistan, with German aid, is R. Voice of Freedom; ambiguous report about frequency, FM, and/or SW 9905?
- *Another time for English from Tibet, 0700-0715 UT on 9490 et al.
- *Democratic V. of Burma via Madagascar at 2330 on 9760 ex-11715
- *Inside Burmese stations favorite DX targets for music, etc.: R. Myanmar on 5985v; Defence Forces Station on 6570; their gongs featured on Victor Goonetilleke's RKI report August 4
- *R. Japan special, Peace Prayer to the World, Thursday, Aug 15 on 44 Minutes show at 0615, numerous repeats
- *Japan SW Club 50th anniversary special, in Japanese, some English, on KSDA Aug 18 at 2100, 19 at 1300 on 11980 et al. Special QSL
- *Powerline communications nixed in Japan, to relief of users of shortwave spectrum
- *V. of Indonesia seems to have restricted foreign languages to weekdays only on 15150; weekends extremely distorted, Indonesian?
- *R. Pilipinas, English at 0200-0330 now on 15270, 15120, 11885, says Roland Schulze [not Rumen Pankov as I said!]
- *R. Independent Makumui, Bougainville on 3850 was active July 16-22, but not since?
- *International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend ham special event Aug. 17-18 for 48 hours; see <http://www.rsgb.org> for link
- *Listeners to KORB fall for tattoo practical joke, lose jobs, then sue
- *Sunspots keep growing, up to 323, suggesting a third peak in this cycle; maybe F2 will be back on 6 meters this winter, but absorption not good for MW DX
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder, August 6; flux range 130-215-140

*Glenn Hauser, here, concluding yet another World of Radio, number
1143, hoping you'll hear me again next week #####